

**4 Corners Air Quality Task Force
February 8, 2006 Meeting
Durango, Colorado**

Meeting Record

Attendees: (see separate attachment)

I. Opening

Mary Uhl, Chief of the Air Quality Bureau of the New Mexico Environment Department and Margie Perkins, Director of the Air Pollution Control Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment opened the meeting and welcomed the capacity audience of 95 individuals representing a broad range of government agencies, industry, community groups, tribes, and other interests. Uhl and Perkins stressed the collaborative nature of the Task Force effort, and indicated that this meeting was its first working session.

Rebecca Reynolds, the Task Force project manager and facilitator, also greeted the group and asked for a quick round of introductions by everyone. After this, she delivered a presentation (see separate attachment of the PPT) to review highlights of the material covered at the first meeting of Task Force held in November 2005, and to explain the task for this session.

The five Task Force work groups were introduced: Oil & Gas, Power Plants, Other Sources, Modeling, and Monitoring. Task Force members were invited to participate in any work group, except at the quarterly meetings where work groups will convene concurrently. Reynolds asked that Task Force members choose a primary work group to work on and attend that session at each quarterly meeting. She then briefly reviewed the work group provisional charters and the process these groups would use to conduct their work. (See handouts under documents link)

Next Reynolds reviewed instructions for the breakout sessions during which each of the work groups would convene for the first time. This was followed by short refreshment break and then work groups gathered.

II. Break out Sessions by Work Group (see the session notes on the work group page)

Five work groups broke out and met on the following agenda items for a total of 90 minutes.

- Group Introductions (10 min)
- Review Work Group Charters (20 min)
- Discuss TF Guiding Principles (20 min)
- Develop Work Schedule (15 min)
- Future Meeting Locations (10 min)

Other Issues & Next Steps (15 min)

At the conclusion of these sessions, the groups reviewed their work and decided on report back items to share with the full group.

III. Breakout Report Backs & Next Steps

Monitoring Work Group, Report by Rita Trujillo

The Charter needs more definition.

- Need to identify existing monitoring networks, data gaps, additional monitoring, trends analysis
- Conduct when possible and facilitate
- Support the needs of other groups
- Develop a holistic monitoring plan for the 4 Corners Region

Guiding Principles:

- The work we do will be seriously considered by POG
- Start with what data is out there

The POG should determine geographic boundaries of the “4 Corners Region”
Additional funding sources

Other Sources Work Group, Report by Walt Brown

The Charter is okay as is.

We had some additions to the Guiding Principles: to include synergy among the work groups, to consider educational products as part of the Task Force deliverables, and others that are in our notes.

We did come up with a work schedule. We considered meeting locations, and we mostly thought that Farmington and Durango were satisfactory. However, we thought we might also consider Telluride, Pagosa Springs, Cortez, and perhaps locations in AZ or UT.

Our next steps were:

- 1) Develop bios for each work group member and email them within two weeks to Walt for compilation and posting on the website
- 2) Review other work groups' work
- 3) Prioritize the issues
- 4) Identify players – do we need additional expertise on our group?
- 5) Delegate responsibilities

Oil & Gas Work Group, Report by Bob Jorgenson

We started by developing a matrix with 14 categories and 7 issues to be addressed.

The matrix will be used to prioritize the O&G group's work. The group agreed to further develop the draft matrix and then distribute to the Task Force for review and input. We will then collate the input for use on the 1st conference call, which is scheduled for Wednesday, March 1 at 2pm.

Charter: we revised the list of issues to be addressed to include: ozone, public health, visibility, atmospheric deposition, greenhouse gases, NOx increment and impacts of pollution on local economies.

Power Plants Work Group, Report by Mark Jones

Charter: we revised it to include “for existing and proposed plants”

Guiding Principles

1. Share desire to work proactively
6. Appropriate consideration of... instead of balanced
7. Take out tiered – but add legislative
8. Remove

Meeting Places: Add Cortez or Shiprock

Conference call meeting times were established

Next Steps: Work Plan: baseline first, website links for individual work groups to use as a tool

Modeling Work Group, Report by Mike George

The Charter is okay.

Guiding Principles: if keep BACT, make more generic: “best control strategies”.

The first conference call will be on March 9th at 10:00am MST

- Priorities
- Contractor: Oil & Gas inventory presentation

Meetings: in Denver or Santa Fe

Next Steps: Priorities: how to make use of existing information. 1st step: Develop a Work Plan; research on what exists/is currently underway.

General Comments/Suggestions

Outreach: should the work groups link to education?

Can share ride groups be coordinated among the Task Force members?

Can we web cast meetings for those who cannot attend?

Will there be County representation on POG?

Effects of emissions: broader level issue?

These issues were added to the Task Force coordination meeting to be held the following day. Answers will be communicated as follow-up to the meeting.

IV. Adjourn: 6:45pm